strengthening of financial management were stipulated by IDBI while sanctioning the loan. The Group was regular in meeting its financial commitment to IDBI till the projects under implementation recorded cost overrun and Group faced liquidity crunch. With the financing of cost overrun being tied up, the overdues have since been cleared.

(d) IDBI has reported that the assistance was sanctioned to the Essar Group by it along with other financial institutions on merits.

(e) Does not arise.

Low priority of Aids by Government

2396. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the priority given to the Anti-AIDS campaign;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that low priority has been given to AIDS patients as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Proposal for an Airport at Gulbarga District in Karnataka

2397. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to have an airport at Gulbarga district in Karnataka;

(b) whether the officials of the Ministry have visited the district and held discussions with State Government officials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Government of India has given its 'No objection' to the develoment of an airport at Gulbarga by the State Government of Karnataka out of their own resources. A preliminary report has been prepared by a team consisting of officials of Airports Authority of India (AAI) and State Government after inspecting the site earmarked for the construction of the airport.

Increase in debt Liability

2398. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's debt liability has increased tremendously during the recent months;

(b) if so, the details of debt liability in respect of different types of loans and credits incurred by the country during the last three years; year-wise; and

(c) what are the main factors responsible for this increase?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) As per the latest available estimates, after reaching a peak of USD 99.0 billion on 31.3.95, external debt declined to USD 93.8 billion on 30.9.95.

(b) Breakup of external debt of the country during the last three years is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) Recent changes in debt outstanding denominated in US Dollars is mainly due to variation in US Dollar exchange rates vis-a-vis other major currencies.

Statement

Break-up of India's external debt during the last three years

(US Dollar Million)

		31.03.1994	31.03.95 (Provisional)	30.09.1995 (Provisional)
1.	Multilateral	26263	28542	28267
2.	Bilateral	17450	20270	19112

		31.03.1994	31.03.95 (Provisional)	30.09.1995 (Provisional)
3.	IMF	5040	4300	3377
4.	Export Credit	5203	6622	5902
5.	Commercial Borrowing	12363	12991	12329
6.	NRI and FC (B&C) diposits	12665	12422	12012
7.	Rupee debt	10084	9624	8355
	Total Long-term debt	89068	94778	89353
	Short-term debt	3627	4264	4490
	Grand Total	92695	99042	93843

Distribution of Defective Contraceptives

2399. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the statement of 10th November, 1995, under the caption "Health Ministry Distributing Defective Contraceptives";

(b) whether defective contraceptives are being distributed in the state of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan by defying orders of High Court; and

(c) what are the particulars of persons responsible for this default and what corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The supply of tubal Rings were cleared for use under the National Family Welfare Programme by the competent authority after they were found to confirm to approved standards. The supply was collected by representative from Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. However, immediately on receipt of directions of the Hon'ble High Court these states were requested to stop further distribution. There was no lapse on part of this Ministry and hence no action required.

Promoting Domestic Tourism

2400. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified places of tourist importance for development as a part of its programme to promote domestic tourism;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such places;

(c) the places identified in Orissa for promoting tribal, wild-life and forest tourism; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) identification of places of tourist importance is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of State/Union Territory Govts. The Government of India's National Action Plan for Tourism 1992 identified 11 circuits and 6 destinations for the promotions of tourism in the country, namely.

Travel Circuits

1. Kullu-Manali-Leh
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong